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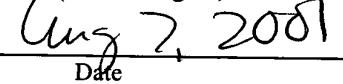
FOR: *OPTICAL ARRANGEMENT FOR SELECTION AND DETECTION OF THE SPECTRAL REGION OF A LIGHT BEAM AND CONFOCAL SCANNING MICROSCOPE*

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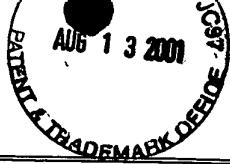
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Respectfully submitted,

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	BA	DE 199 02 625 A 1	23.1.99	Germany	G01J	3/42	Y (attached)

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